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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, SEPTEMBER 24, 2001

APPLICATION OF

WASHINGTON GAS ENERGY SERVICES, INC.

CASE NO. PUE010475

For a permanent license to conduct  
business as an electric and natural  
gas competitive service provider

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND COMMENT

On August 29, 2001,<sup>1</sup> Washington Gas Energy Services, Inc., ("WGES" or "the Company"), filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to convert and expand its pilot licenses, License Nos. PE-4 and PG-2,<sup>2</sup> to permanent licenses to provide competitive electric and natural gas service to all classes of retail customers and to expand its authority to serve throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia as the Commonwealth opens up to retail access and customer choice. The Company attested that it would abide by all applicable regulations of the Commission as required by 20 VAC 5-312-40 B.

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<sup>1</sup> In a letter filed on September 13, 2001, WGES clarified its application, notified that it wished to serve the entire state of Virginia as competitive electric and natural gas service providers as the service territories become open to full retail access.

<sup>2</sup> These pilot licenses permit the Company to operate in the electric retail access programs of Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Virginia Power") and American Electric Power-Virginia ("AEP-VA"); and in the natural gas retail access programs of Washington Gas Light Company ("WGL") and Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc., ("CGV").

On July 25, 2000, WGES completed an application for a license to conduct business as a competitive service provider in natural gas and electric retail access pilot programs. This application sought authority to serve all customer classes in retail access pilot programs of Virginia Power, AEP-VA, WGL and CGV.

After providing notice and opportunity for hearing, and receiving no comments from the public, and after considering its Staff's Report and the Company's response thereto, the Commission issued an Order on August 31, 2000, in Case No. PUE000354, that, among other things, granted the Company License Nos. PE-4 and PG-2.

On June 19, 2001, the Commission entered its Final Order in Case No. PUE010013, adopting its Rules Governing Retail Access to Competitive Energy Services ("Retail Access Rules"), 20 VAC 5-312-10, et seq. Page 6 of this Order provided that each competitive service provider who wished to convert its pilot license to a permanent license to participate in retail access must submit a request to do so in writing to the Commission on or before August 31, 2001. We directed that: (i) each such request must include an attestation that the information provided and updated in its application for a pilot license is true and correct, (ii) the Company must attest that it will abide by all applicable regulations of the Commission, as

required by 20 VAC 5-312-40 B, and (iii) the Company must include any changes to information previously provided to the Commission, as required by 20 VAC 5-312-20 R.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of WGES' application to convert its present licenses to permanent licenses, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that WGES' application should be docketed; that this Order should be served upon appropriate persons; and that these persons should have an opportunity to comment on WGES' request to convert its pilot license to permanent.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This application shall be docketed and assigned Case No. PUE010475.

(2) A copy of the application and supporting documents shall be made available for public inspection in the Commission's Document Control Center, located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, during the Commission's regular hours of operation, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(3) On or before October 9, 2001, WGES shall serve a copy of this Order upon each utility listed on Attachment A to this Order.

(4) On or before October 15, 2001, the Company shall file proof of the notice required in Ordering Paragraph (3) with Joel

H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P. O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118.

(5) Any interested person may request a copy of the application, accompanying materials, and this Order by directing a request in writing to the Company, attention of Harry A. Warren, Jr., President, Washington Gas Energy Services, Inc., 2565 Horsepen Road, Suite 200, Herndon, Virginia 20171-3401. The Company shall, within three (3) days of receipt of the request, serve the requested documents upon the person making such request.

(6) An original and fifteen (15) copies of any comments on the application shall be filed on or before October 19, 2001, with the Clerk of the Commission at the address identified in Ordering Paragraph (4). Comments must refer to Case No. PUE010475. A copy of such comments must also be served on or before October 19, 2001, by first-class mail, or hand-delivered, to the Company, attention of Harry A. Warren, Jr., at the address identified in Ordering Paragraph (5).

(7) On or before October 26, 2001, the Company and the Staff of the Commission may file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of any response they may have to any comments that have been filed and to the captioned application, and shall serve a copy of such response

on the Company and Staff, as appropriate, as well as upon any person submitting comments.

(8) The Company shall respond to written interrogatories or data requests within five (5) calendar days after the receipt of the same. Interrogatories and data requests, as well as the responses thereto, shall be transmitted via facsimile as well as by first-class mail. Except as modified herein, discovery shall be in accordance with Part IV of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-10, et seq.

(9) This matter shall be continued generally.